

SCHOOLS.
IN CAMP AT LAWSON.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

has achieved a momentary popularity, which has thrilled the oldest residents, and has filled the hearts of hotel and boarding-house keepers with mingled joy and apprehension. The Australian Christian Union, whose members go into recess for a few days each year away from the turmoil of city life, selected Lawson as the most suitable speaker for the holiday of the Annual Sunday School Convention, which was held last evening. Here he was to speak for a week they will live "on the hills like gods together," save for the fact that their lives will be no lotus-eaters' dream, but one of prayer and fasting.

As they were to address this reminded him of the words of an address he had given some years ago to a group of young people in common with the type of the long-faced Christian which is the abhorrence of sufferers, but a band of bright-faced, smiling, kindly people, who are seeking physical as well as spiritual recreation in the enjoyment of a holiday camp.

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a picturesque glade half a mile below the township. There is nothing of the Simsen Stylites, however, about these young Christians. Asceticism plays no part in their daily life. Their little huts are not built to tempt the size of an ordinary cottage, and sleep well if not luxuriously on spring mattresses, and in the morning for a shower bath they are provided by nature with a convenient stream. The simple and unpretentious of a camping ground must have been the result of an intimate knowledge of the requirements of a camp.

Like the prophet Daniel, they make frequent use of the most important feature of their daily life. The day opens with prayer at a quarter to 8. Then an adjournment is made to the Grand Hotel for breakfast, after which the morning session is held, conducted by the prophet, and followed by a period of rest for an hour. After an interval of a quarter of an hour another session of a more important

The afternoon is left free for the members to visit the surrounding hills and embrace the scenery. A social dinner and a session is held, at which spiritual addresses are given. The meetings are being held in the Mechanics' Institute Hall, so that the time of the service is divided between the camp and the township. The evening dresses have been drawn up, the speakers for the most part belonging to New South Wales, as on other occasions they have belonged to other States. In which the Summer School happened to be held, the president of the union, was unable to be at the camp yesterday, and the meetings were conducted by Dr. Mc'Clolland, the vice-president.

The Australian movement is a branch of the World's Student Christian Federation, comprising 100,000 members, throughout the universities and colleges of the world. The objects of this federation are the deepening of the religious life of the youth of the world.

the extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world. The morning session was opened by Mr. Moyes, of Adelaide, on the subject of "Fruitful Missions." He presented a comprehensive discussion. In the next session Mr. T. W. Walker addressed the conference on the subject of "The Development of Foreign Missions." He then emphasized the inadequate material equipment of the churches, and the fact that the great forces of Christian capital and commerce have largely run to waste. Mr. Walker urged the need for industrial enterprise to work hand in hand with instead of against missions. The afternoon session was held at the residence of Mrs. Hunter McPherson, when the visitors were welcomed by Mr. J. D. Hunter, who presided. The speakers were Mr. J. D. Hunter, president of the conference committee, and by the Revs. C. J. Gribb, M. C. Robison, and Mr. Alfred Allen. The Rev. Mr. Allen, who was in charge of the travelling secretary of the union, in the course of a few remarks, mentioned that he had been elected to the same honor on the same day

Christianity during the visit to Australia of Mr. Hott, who had watched with the greatest interest the growth of the union, of which he could say, like Aeneas, "Quorum pars magna fui" (Applause). He expressed the hope that the conference would have the effect of deepening and strengthening the love of its members and of helping them to form life-long friendships, by acknowledging the warm welcome extended to him by the vice-president, Dr. McClelland, and said that wherever the Summer School had been held the visitors had always met with a cordial reception. Mr. Hott was accompanied by Miss Mules and A. R. Crum, who also briefly expressed their acknowledgments.

Prayers were given by the Rev. J. Kinghorn for "The Order of the Tabor," and the Rev. Dr. Fordyce on "Devotional Meditation."

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.

AT HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL

COLLEGE.

A DAY'S HARD WORK.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

The Summer School for Public School teachers opened at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College on Tuesday morning. The first day was devoted mostly to preparation. Nearly the whole of the teachers from country schools, there being 97 present at the start. Since then two others have arrived. They include Inspector Smith, of Glen Lines. The new western wing of the college is being used for the whole of the time. It is being handed over by the contractor on Saturday last. It is a handsome two-story brick structure, with commodious rooms. The teachers are accommodated on the premises, and are required to conform to all the rules and regulations of the institution as ordinary college students.

The day's duties commence very early in the morning—the first bell tolls at 6 a.m.; the carts are started at 7 a.m.; the demonstrations are given in the two laboratories from 7 till 8.30 a.m. on chemical and botanics studies, these subjects being apparently both popular and interesting. Three lectures of one hour each are given at intervals of 15 to 11.30 a.m. in the main lecture hall, the lecturers being Principal Potts, Messrs. T. G. Smith, and J. H. Potts.

Lunch is partaken of at noon, and at 1 o'clock the teachers strip off and distribute the work to the students, who then take their part in all the outdoor work. They return from their farm work at 5 p.m., and have dinner.

After dinner a lecture, illustrated by a powerful lantern, is delivered from 7 to 8 p.m.

On Wednesday night the Principal was the lecturer; to-night Mr. C. T. Mussen, the school doctor, gave a lecture on "The Human 'Plant Life and Structure'." The Principal, Mr. H. W. Potts, F.R.S.F., L.S., also lectured.

To-day Mr. George Marks, the experimentalist, lectured on the value of experiments with particular reference to school gardens. Mr. Cuthbert Potts, the lecturer in chemistry, delivered an address on the earth's rock covering.

If the visiting school teachers get days of continuous hard work and study such as they had to-day, there is little doubt they will be

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Passengers have booked by the Blue which will sail to-day for London, and ports:—Miss Hobson, J. H. Campbell, Mr. J. Tullett, H. Vendon, Mrs. Mills, Miss Simpson, Mr. H. Collins, Mr. J.

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